

REMARKS

The indication that claims 17-38 have been allowed and that claims 4-6 and 11-14 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks.

The status of claims 8 and 16 is not clear. The Official Action does not indicate whether claims 8 and 16 are allowable or rejected. Clarification is respectfully requested in a non-final Official Action if the application is not otherwise in condition for allowance.

Claim 3 was rejected as anticipated by WERNER et al. 2006/0012162. Claim 3 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 4 and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

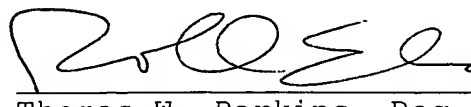
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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